THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) The National Transport Policy Committee (Pande Committee) was constituted to formulate a National Transport Policy for the country for the next decade or so. The document containing the recommendations of National Transport Policy Committee, views of the Government thereon and accepted Plan of action was placed in the Library of Parliament on 19th July, 1982. Recommendations of National Transport Policy Committee were discussed at length in Lok Sabha in March, 1985. The recommendations and observations of the Committee are more in the nature of a perspective plan and their implementation is thus a continuous process. While formulating the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans these recommendations have been duly taken into account.

Loss *o railway in Punjab

@@@1888-C. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Railway stations were burnt by the agitators in Punjab during January and February, 1986;

(b) if so, what has been the total damage caused to the Railways in Punjab during the last three years;

(c) what protection has been provided to the Railway stations in Punjab to avoid such huge dc-mage to the Railways in the State;

(d) whether any persons responsible for the burning of stations have been arrested; and

(e) if so, what action has taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Two incidents of setting Railway stations on fire by miscreants in Punjab occurred during January and Fabruary. 1986.

(b) A loss of Rs. 11,26,927|'- was caused in such incidents during the last three years.

(c) Necessary security arrangements have been made by the State Government for the protection of Railway stations in the State.

(d) and (e) 60 persons were arrested in cases relating to such incidents during the last three years. Out of them, 31 persons have been acquitted by courts, cases against 13 persons have been withdrawn by the State Government, cases against 15 persons have been treated as untraced and a case against one person is pending in the court.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notification of the Ministry ₍f Ex. ternal Affairs

H. The Foreign ^Marriages (Amendment) Rules, 1985

III. The (Diplomatic and Consular Officeis (Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 1985.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of External Affairs, utider sub-section (3) of section 24 of the Passports Act, 1967, together with a statement giving reasons for delay in laying the Notifications:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 767(E), -dated the 16th November, 1984, amending schedule of Government Notification G.S.R. No. 482(E), dated 13th June, 1983.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 20(E), dated the 14th January, 1985, exempting certain citizens of India from the operation of section 5 of the Act.